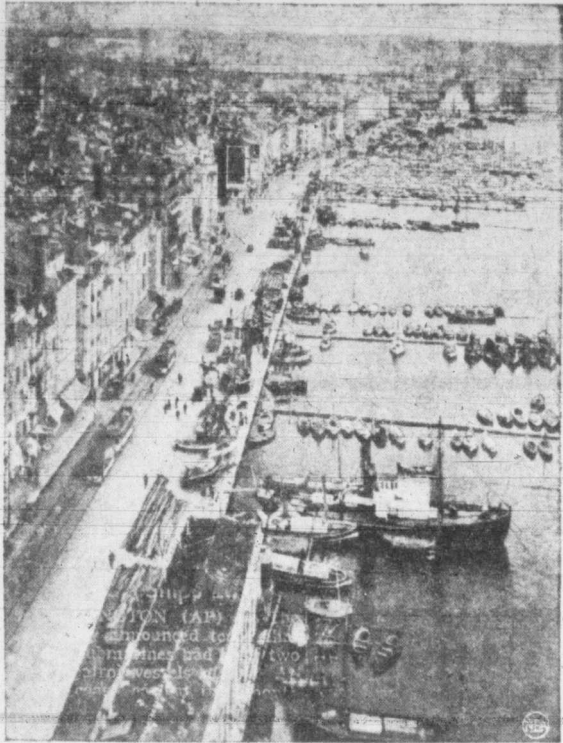


# Partisans Wrest Marseille From Nazis

## French Units Take Second Great City After Short Battle



The great French Mediterranean port of Marseille.

LONDON (AP) — Marseille — the second great city of France — was wrested from German bondage today.

Gen. Charles de Gaulle's headquarters earlier today announced the capture of Paris by armed and unarmed thousands of partisans who swept the Nazis from the streets where they had struggled more than four years.

## Soviets Plan to Knock All Balkans Out of War

LONDON (CP) — Russian troops driving toward Krakow in southern Poland captured the industrial town of Dembitza today, Premier Stalin announced tonight.

MOSCOW (AP) — A new Red Army offensive, probably designed to break Hitler's grip on the Balkans, smashed forward today — 150 miles from beyond Jasi to within 180 miles of Bucharest and 155 of the great Ploesti oil centre.

Advancing over the bodies of 25,000 German slain in three days

## Parties Scaling Mt. Baker to Save Injured Youth

BELLINGHAM, Wash. (AP) — Rescue parties of forestry employees and mountaineers worked their way up the treacherous slopes of Mount Baker today in a race against time to bring out Larry Stredede, 17, of Seattle who was badly injured Tuesday.

## Fire Destroys Art At Hearst Estate

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A number of rare art items were destroyed Tuesday when fire razed the Gables, main building at Wynton, the William Randolph Hearst estate near McLeod.

## Crash Rider Dies

VANCOUVER (CP) — Francis Collins, 19, died in hospital today shortly after he was admitted suffering from injuries received when his motorcycle collided with an automobile in the South Granville district of the city. This is the 20th traffic fatality in Vancouver this year.

## British Chase Japs Towards Tiddim Base

KANDY, Ceylon (AP) — British troops driving toward the enemy's western Burma base of Tiddim are thrusting forward unopposed in an attempt to bring the fleeing Japs to battle, a communiqué reported today.

While the monsoon held down activity in Burma to patrol action south of Myitkina, and to artillery attacks on enemy positions in the Kibaw valley, clear across Burma to the west, British fliers were active in the lashing rains.

## Ontario Schools To Teach Religion

TORONTO (CP) — A course in religious education will be started in grades 1 and 2 in Ontario public schools when the school term resumes Sept. 5, it has been announced by the office of Premier Drew, who also is provincial minister of education. The course will be introduced in other grades, one by one, as guides for teachers become available.

The instruction, two half-hour periods a week at the opening or close of the school day, "will normally be given by the teacher, but by resolution of the school board a clergyman or any denomination may give the instruction in lieu of the teacher."

# ROMANIA ACCEPTS UNITED NATIONS' TERMS FOR PEACE

## Yank Spearhead Pushes 15 Miles East From Sens

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE (AP) — The armored reconnaissance spearhead of Lt. Gen. Patton's 3rd U.S. Army drove 15 miles east of Sens today and other units crossed the Loing River at a point east of Montargis while northwest of the capital U.S. forces liberated Evreux.

This put the column 145 miles from the German border.

Between Sens and Paris, Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's 3rd Army was operating in woods near Fontainebleau. In this sector the Americans had thrown a bridgehead over the upper Seine.

Canadian and British troops scored advances of 10 to 15 miles in the chase of the battered German 7th Army toward the lower Seine from the disastrous Falaise trap. On the coast Canadians battled some seven miles across the Seine estuary from Le Havre. Germans in that port lobbed shells across the water.

## USE FERRIES, RUBBER BOATS

Allied airmen declared the German retreat had appearances of a rout. By ferry and rubber boats, the enemy attempted to escape across the Seine at about 30 points, under a hail of bullets and cannon shells from low-swooping Allied planes.

Supreme headquarters declared 40,000 to 50,000 Germans had been captured in the Falaise pocket, with the Nazi dead still uncounted.

## Fleet Air Arm For R.C.N. Seen

KINGSTON, Ont. (CP) — Royal Canadian Navy spokesmen said here today a Canadian Fleet Air Arm is in the process of formation, and that personnel at No. 14 Service Flying Training School here have been attached to the navy for training. These trainees will be appointed to the Canadian Fleet Air Arm when that body is officially created, the spokesman said.

## Radio Communication For Kansas Trains

KANSAS CITY (AP) — Conductors and engineers on Kansas City southern railway freight trains now can talk their radio microphones and talk with each other — or with dispatchers — along their entire, main-line, 560-mile right-of-way. Company officials said they believe this is the first railway system in the United States to operate its own two-way radio communications system.

## Freedom Follows Allied Flags



In every area of France liberated by Allied armies, French citizens are revelling in freedom of speech and activity forbidden them for over four long years of Nazi domination. Symbolizing the return of liberty are the photos above, of Paule Marie Truffert, 17-year-old girl who fled from her home when German officers occupied it, and returned when the Allies took the city. In top photo, with other citizens, she stands atop the breakwater, long "verboten" to civilians as the sign in French and German warns. Below, left, on the beach, she gives a French lesson to an Allied soldier. At right, she reads the first free newspaper she's seen since the Nazis conquered France.

## Sask. to Continue Bottled Beer Sales

REGINA (CP) — Sale of bottled beer in Saskatchewan beer parlors for consumption on or off the premises will be continued when the provincial government introduces its coupon rationing of bottled beer Sept. 15, Provincial Treasurer C. M. Fines announced today.

Beer parlor operators will be required to collect the regulation number of beer ration coupons affected. Mr. Fines was not prepared to state what the value of the coupon would be when the coupon rationing system goes into effect.

## 4-Year-Old Shot By Young Brother

ST. BONIFACE, MAN. (CP) — Four-year-old Edward Proteau, son of David Proteau of St. Adolphe, Man., is in "poor" condition in hospital here after being accidentally shot by his six-year-old brother.

## Manitoba Needs More Harvesters

WINNIPEG (CP) — J. F. Kristjansson, official of the Unemployment Insurance Commission here, said today the harvest labor situation in Manitoba was far from satisfactory. He said between 100 and 200 more workers were required in many parts of the province.

## No Vacation Days Over There

Subscriptions to the Scottish Comforts Fund for the boys of the Canadian Scottish, Victoria and the island's own regiment, in the forefront of the fighting in France, went into a midweek slump today.

It was said to be due to so many people being out of town vacationing.

But while folks here are vacationing, the boys in France are still fighting and as they come out of the battlefield these searching days over there they still look eagerly for those cigarettes, chocolate bars and other com-

## Wins Scholarship

TRAIL, B.C. (CP) — Robert Glen Lye of Kimberley has been awarded the \$2,000 Consolidated Mining and Smelting Co. of Canada limited scholarship in engineering and science, it was announced today. Lye is the son of a company carpenter in Kimberley, A. P. Lye.

## Neglected Salute But Weds Daughter

WELLAND, Ont. (CP) — Trooper Lloyd Cross of the Three Rivers Regiment is home here on furlough after service in Sicily and Italy with a story of marrying the daughter of an English major who had him before a military court of inquiry for failure to salute.

It was in London's Victoria station in 1942 that Cross failed to salute. A Major Wood rebuked him acridly and inquired for his number and unit. Next thing Cross knew he was before the court which cleared him after his advocate made contentions about saluting in various zones.

## Gen. Sanatescu Forms Cabinet Says Bucharest

LONDON (AP) — Romania has accepted Allied armistice terms, ended her war with Soviet Russia, Britain and the United States, and will fight "against the enemy," a broadcast proclamation of King Mihai announced tonight.

The announcement came as two powerful Russian armies were driving forward in a four-day-old offensive aimed at knocking Romania out of the war.

Allied peace terms have been accepted and the government of Premier Marshal Ion Antonescu has resigned, the Bucharest broadcast said.

Only tonight the Russians announced new successes in overwhelming northeastern Romania, and in the first three days of their offensive they had reported slaughter of 25,000 German and Romanian troops, and capture of nearly 13,000.

Just what Romania would be able to do in the way of accepting a peace as long as the German army remains on Romanian soil was not clear, but in any case military developments indicated she would not long remain as a belligerent.

The new premier is Gen. Konstantin Sanatescu and the cabinet includes Juliu Maniu, veteran opposition leader and chief of the peasant party, the broadcast said.

A summary of King Michael's proclamation, as reported by the F.C.C., included these points:

1. A new national government will be formed.
2. Russian peace terms are accepted.
3. Romania is to be an ally of the United Nations.
4. Romania is taking her fate into her own hands and will fight the "enemy."
5. All citizens must rally round the throne.

6. The Vienna award (by which Romania received part of Transylvania from Hungary) is rejected.

## Aussie War Effort Hit By Coal Trouble

SYDNEY (CP) — Australian railway authorities announced today further reduction in train services might be necessitated by the coal supply, deteriorated by recent strikes in New South Wales mines.

Meantime, an official of the Northern Colliery Proprietors' Association said that since July 28, when it was agreed the coal output could be increased, not one of the 40 strikes in the northern field need have occurred. Loss of production in the whole state since then totals 142,000 tons.

Prime Minister Curtin said that as a result of continual work stoppages the Australian war effort would have to be re-arranged.

Press comment on the situation was bitter.

## Tuna, Salmon Pack Up 30 Per Cent

ASTORIA, Ore. (AP) — As tuna and salmon catches continued big and Astoria canneries asked for more workers, officials estimated today that the total 1944 pack will be 30 per cent larger than last year. Tuna receipts continue exceptionally heavy, and gillnetters report salmon hauls of up to 3,000 pounds.

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## Weather Forecast

Partly cloudy and warm today and Thursday with light to moderate winds. Noon temperature today, 60.

## Shoot Italians Aiding Partisans Germans Decree

ROME (AP) — Increasing severity of enemy treatment of Italian patriots harassing the Nazi rear areas in northern Italy was disclosed by the 8th Army's capture of an order from Col. Van Hofman, which decreed immediate shooting of "anyone assisting the criminal and treacherous partisans by giving them food or lodging."

He announced he would support "any officer who exceeds our customary degree of restraint in this choice of measures for dealing with the partisans," adding, "all civilians arrested in the course of reprisals against the partisans will be sent to concentration camps and shipped to Germany as laborers."

Only minor activity was reported on the entire Italian front, with the Poles continuing to clear the enemy from their few remaining positions on the south side of the Metauro River on the Adriatic sector.